

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NO. RPU-91-5
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ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION

(Issued July 14, 2000)

On May 16, 2000, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed in Docket No. RPU-91-5 an "Application for Approval of Plan for Disposition of Manufactured Gas Insurance Recovery." In the application, MidAmerican requested that the Utilities Board (Board) approve the use of certain monies associated with former manufactured gas plant (FMGP) sites to accelerate remediation at some of the sites.

On July 10, 2000, Peoples Natural Gas, Division of UtiliCorp United Inc. (Peoples), filed a petition to intervene in this proceeding pursuant to the provisions of 199 IAC 7.2(7) and 7.2(8). Peoples states in support of its petition that it is a natural gas public utility subject to the Board's jurisdiction and that it has its own remediation activities at FMGP sites. Peoples asserts that it has a substantial and direct interest in this proceeding since a decision by the Board with regard to MidAmerican's proposal could be used as precedent for a similar request by Peoples. Peoples requests that it be found to meet the standards of 199 IAC 7.2(7)"d"(1) and be granted "intervention of right, with unrestricted rights to participate as a party as its

interest appear." If it is not granted an "intervention of right," Peoples requests that it be granted "permissive intervention" under the provisions of 199 IAC 7.2(7)"d"(2).

The parties have indicated they have no objection to the intervention.

The Board will grant Peoples permissive intervention under the provisions of 199 IAC 7.2(7)"d"(2). The Board finds that Peoples has a specific interest in this proceeding since it could possibly be faced with similar issues in future proceedings regarding its own FMGP remediation process. The Board finds further that no other party will represent Peoples' interest in this proceeding and the decision may affect Peoples' interest in future proceedings.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The petition to intervene filed on July 10, 2000, by Peoples Natural Gas, Division of UtiliCorp United Inc., is granted pursuant to the provisions of 199 IAC 7.2(7)"d"(2).

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr. /s/ Diane Munns
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 14th day of July, 2000.